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Milwaukee-based Air National Guard Security Forces personnel returning from overseas duty

About a dozen members of the Wisconsin Air National Guard's 128th Air Refueling Wing will return to Milwaukee on Thursday, May 29. These Guard members are from the 128th Security Forces Squadron and were deployed overseas supporting Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom since February 2003.

They will arrive at General Mitchell International Airport at approximately 9:15 p.m. The returning airmen, their families, and friends will meet in the Milwaukee Room at the airport immediately following their arrival.

The 128th Air Refueling Wing's security forces personnel have been on continuous active duty in support of Operations Enduring Freedom (overseas U.S. military operations to combat terrorism), Noble Eagle (homeland defense and security operations in the continental United States) and Iraqi Freedom since Sept. 30, 2001. The entire wing has been supporting current military operations, Operation Iraqi Freedom, since the end of February 2003.

The 900-member unit is based at General Mitchell International Airport, Milwaukee, and flies the KC-135R Stratotanker. The primary mission of the 128th Air Refueling Wing is to provide midair refueling support.

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Editors and news directors:

- Note that this return is at the airport's commercial passenger terminal rather than the Guard base.
- News media interested in covering this event are asked to contact Lt. Col. Jim Waters (414) 944-8539 for additional information.